(b) and (c) Does not arise.

River Front and Mega City Project for Ahmedabad

533. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released by Central Government for the city of Ahmedabad, Gujarat in the name of River Front Project on Sabarmati River and Mega City Project of Ahmedabad; and

(b) whether Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has approached the Central Government for sale of plots on Sabarmati River Bank, which is being constructed with help from Central assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No fund has been released for the city of Ahmedabad in the name of River Front Project on Sabarmati under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). Mega City scheme did not cover Ahmedabad City.

(b) Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation has not approached the Central Government for sale of plots on Sabarmati River Bank.

Congestion and encroachments in INA market

534. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the INA Market, New Delhi has become congested due to encroachments;

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken to remove encroachments in the said market;

(c) whether Government proposes to construct an ultra modern double storied market on the land adjoining Super Bazar and behind it so that shopkeepers of INA Market could be shifted in it and separate sites be fixed for general purchase, restaurants, fruits, etc.; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to assess the extent of encroachment and unauthorized construction in INA market, a joint survey was carried out on 26.02.2004 by Land and Development office (L and DO), Directorate of Estates (DE), Central Public Works Department (CPWD) and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). Joint action to remove the encroachments in the INA Market by the officials of the MCD, L and DO and Delhi Police was taken in the past. Action for removal of encroachments and unauthorized construction is taken from time to time.

(c) and (d) A re-development plan for the INA Market has been submitted by the National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC). Discussions have been held with the

representatives of market, NBCC, New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), MCD and Ministry of Consumer Affairs to sort out various complex issues involved including relocation of present shopkeepers, removal/relocation of Teh Bazaries and a number of litigation pending before various Courts. In view of the administrative and legal issues involved, no specific time frame can be prescribed for its redevelopment.

Metro rail services in Uttar Pradesh cities

535. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to start Metro rail service in major cities of Uttar Pradesh like Lucknow, Moradabad, Kanpur, Agra, Azamgarh, Varanasi, etc. in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the plan, city-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No proposal has been received from the State Government so far.

Allotment and resale of SC/ST category DDA flats

536. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flats allotted to the persons belonging to SC and ST category by DDA during the last 10 years;

(b) how many allottees have since sold their flats to persons belonging to other castes;

(c) whether such flats can be transferred to other persons and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government proposes to impose strict penalty on the transfer of such flats allotted to SC/ST persons and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) DDA has informed that a total of 17,271 flats have been allotted to SC and ST category persons during the period 1.1.98 to 31.12.2008.

(b) and (c) DDA has further informed that since 1992 the allotments are being made on free-hold basis and hence there is no restriction on sate/transfer of flats and therefore, no details are being maintained regarding transfer/sale of flats.

(d) Does not arise in view of above.